

The Slimes

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SOUTH DOWNS ESCARGOTS



DIARY DATES

CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 19th September

As the Hat Camp is the following day expect to be filling the goody bags we are giving out - if they haven't been done already!

If anyone is able to come to the field at Cowfold where we are having the Hat Camp (details below) on Thursday at 4pm we would appreciate your help in putting our club marquee and a party tent up, and anything else that will need doing. We will then go to The Royal Oak for the club night.

SOUTH DOWNS

ESCARGOTS

ANNUAL HAT CAMP

20th - 22nd September

At our usual field just east of Cowfold on the A272 opposite Oakendene Industrial Estate (RH13 8AZ) with flush loos and hot showers. £5 per unit per night. Friday evening at 7pm - **soup** (It's delicious soup, I've had a foretaste! Ed), **cheese, bread & salad provided.**

Saturday morning **convoy to Brighton.** Saturday evening **BBQ, Campfire & Raffle.** Bring your own food & drink.

Sunday morning: **Water Boiling Competition, Hat & Gadget judging.**

Bring all your weird & wonderful hats & gadgets. If you don't want to camp why not come along to the BBQ or to the Sunday Morning Water Boiling, a spectacle that must be seen to be believed!

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FURTHEST TRAVELLED

The cup was a surprise. As a group we had all greatly enjoyed the meeting held by the French 2CV Club, the Berry Deuche, at Chatillon-sur-Indre but certainly did not expect to be presented at their prize-giving with the trophy awarded for the “furthest travelled”.

I should explain. The group was of South Downs Escargots members, together with one Club Clouseau member and son, who, in our five cars had visited the 2013 World Meeting at Alcaniz in Spain. A number of our group had stayed with Matt Damper’s friends Fabrice and Christele of ‘2CV Legende’ near Tours on their way south. There they learnt of the French meeting from the 9th to the 11th August and so we all decided to break our journey there on the way back.

It was a very well organised meeting attracting well over 100 cars, with breakfasts and Saturday dinner provided within the very reasonable entry fee, as well as an evening aperitif of rose wine dispensed from a converted vintage petrol pump. Nearly everyone seemed to be on Saturday’s ‘Rally’ or Treasure Hunt

and Sunday’s superbly marshalled convoy. Each visited a different nearby town where the local mayor also hosted free aperitifs and snacks. Aperitifs were definitely a theme! Despite the difficulty of completing our answers in French, all of us put our ‘Rally’ entries in on arrival at the lakeside area at the lunch-time conclusion of the event. It was a fine spot for our picnics.

To our delight we also got prizes. I have to mention here that all those who completed their forms got prizes, but we did manage reasonable placings with Matt and Alexander

coming 9th and the rest of us very close behind. At the prize-giving we all had to go to the front to be presented with the Cup as Christele explained that our journey included also the trip from the UK to Alcaniz and return via Chatillon.

The Spanish meeting was reasonably organised and enjoyable as all such meetings are, as much for the people you meet as anything. There was enough for people to do and although the trade area was not large there were no complaints about lack of sunshine. Some grass to camp on would have been welcome but any ground would have been very hard. There was only one real problem with the vehicles throughout when Kit and Hazel White had to deal with a leaking pipe from the fuel tank on their Belgian PO Van. Temporary repairs were carried out in a supermarket car park. Most of us had only minor niggles or in our case, none at all on our car’s 11th World Meeting visit.

The French camp was an excellent way to finish our Spanish trip and it was good too to be able to put tent pegs in the ground with scarce need for a mallet after the gravel covered tarmac of Alcaniz!

Maurice Dilley



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YOUR IDEAS WELCOME

Now we have a function room for our meetings we are able to do more things on Club Nights. We've had some very useful input, but if you have an idea and would like to organise something one month please let us know! See contact details opposite.

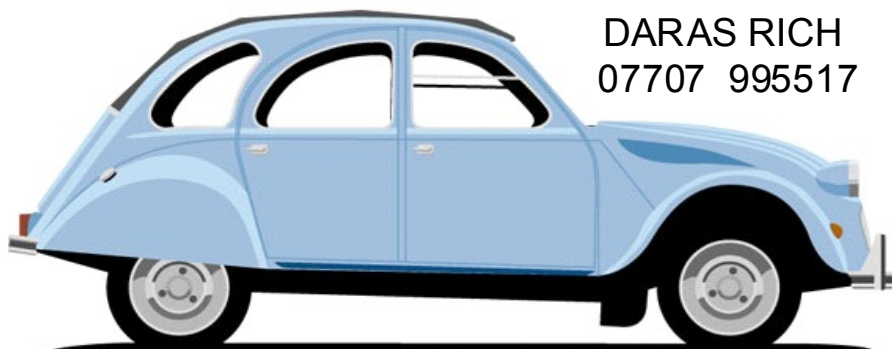
S.D.E. WEBSITE REVAMP YOUR PHOTO REQUIRED

Chris Yates who is a friend of John Shelley from the Scamp Club has kindly offered to update our website. He would like **photos of Escargots**

with their cars so please send them to him at chris@cyates.freeserve.co.uk
A huge thank you to Rita Softops for her creative work on the site up to now!



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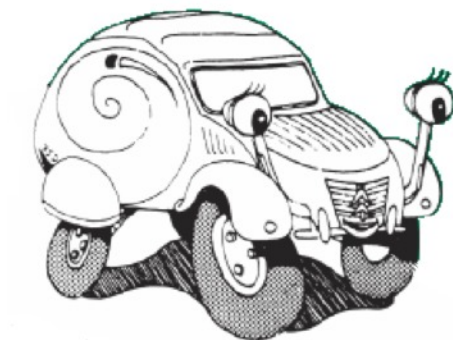
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